

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2781
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Losses on Post Card and Inland Letter
Azad Shri Kirti (JHA)

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether massive losses are being incurred by Department of Posts in carrying out mandatory services/products such as Inland Letter Cards and Post Cards, the tariffs of which are highly subsidised ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Post Cards are being grossly misused for commercial and fun activities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government plans to discontinue subsidy on delivering newspapers/posts @ Rs. 1/- when their own charges have increased manifold and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The year wise details of losses incurred on Post Cards and Inland Letter Cards for the last three years i.e. 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 are as under:

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(Rs. in Crore)
Year Items
Post Card Inland Letter
2012-13 90.47 95.42
2013-14 100.68 112.20
2014-15 66.56 85.33
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(c) No, Madam; no such complaint is received.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) No, Madam.
